



**North Carolina Department of Transportation
Traffic Engineering Branch
Signing Section**

Special Signing Squad

The **Special Signing Squad** is a comprehensive group of experienced Signing Section personnel established to assist in the development and completion of standard and non-standard signing projects. The squad provides sign designs, plans, specifications, and estimate quantities for projects as small as one sign and as large as full Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) projects and corridor studies.

The **Special Signing Squad** is also called to serve the signing needs of DOT's fourteen highway Divisions. If a Division needs single or multiple signs designed perhaps including quantities and cost estimate, Special Signs can handle it. Requestors may visit the Squad web site and fill out a Sign Design Request Form for each requested sign and send it via fax, mail, or state courier. A ten working day turnaround should be expected for individual requests, but special arrangements may be made to get the sign designs completed sooner under special circumstances. The link to the Special Signing Squad's web site is: <http://www.ncdot.org/doh/preconstruct/traffic/congestion/SIGN/specsign/>. If a Division wishes to design the signs, upon request, the Squad can check the designs for conformance with the MUTCD and Signing Section Standards. Also, a Special Sign Database of over 5000 signs provides design information and/or images of every Special Sign designed from 1990 through the present. This Microsoft Access Database can currently be searched by request to anyone in the Squad, and the Oracle version of this database will soon be available via the Squad web site pending server completion by the Engineering Technology Systems (ETS) Section.

Whether it be replacing an exit directional guide sign that was irreparably damaged in an accident, providing insight into interpretation of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) or state signing policy, analyzing the effectiveness of existing signing on a freeway corridor, or designing graphics intensive signs for the Special Olympics, the Special Signing Squad is capable of providing a service that will make it significantly easier for anyone in North Carolina needing assistance with any Signing issue.

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